

SACRAMENTO REPORT

# Will Vote No On Unruh Plan For Education

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District  
 Several experts on education have told me that the basic characteristics of school district organization are:  
 • Each school district should be so organized that it can provide a continuous and coordinated program of education from kindergarten at least through grade 12.  
 • Each district should include within its boundaries

sufficient pupils so that it can provide all or practically all essential educational services at a reasonable cost per pupil. Studies have shown that a district with fewer than 1,200 to 1,500 pupils is unlikely to be able to provide even minimum desirable services at a reasonable cost. A district having 10,000 or more pupils would be more adequate. Other things being equal, optimum in terms of size is a district hav-

ing from 10,000 to 50,000 pupils. Districts may be too large as well as too small for satisfactory operation.

• The boundaries of each school district should be so arranged that few if any pupils need to cross school district lines to attend schools to which they should logically be assigned.

• Other things being equal, each district should have sufficient resources so that its resi-

dents can provide the educational services and facilities the people desire for their children without excessive tax effort. Assessed valuation per pupil should be reasonably uniform in all districts.

• Residents of each unified district should have a number of common interests relating not only to their schools but to the social, economic and cultural life in the area in which they live. Trading and banking

centers for the people of the area, the centers for recreational, social, cultural and religious activities and other common interests should be considered as a basis for developing satisfactory school districts. Other factors to be considered are geography, topography, freeways and existing political boundaries.

THE ABOVE five paragraphs are generally regarded as the ideal characteristics of school district organization. They set forth broad fundamental principles and guide lines. Each expert on public education may disagree with one or more of the minor features but all agree when the five paragraphs are considered as a

whole they present a goal toward which California people are traveling slowly.

AB 46, by Jesse M. Unruh and others, regarding school district re-organization and other problems is so drastic, revolutionary and repulsive to school board members, superintendents, principals, teachers, and taxpayers in general, that it cannot and will not be enacted in its present form. Mr. Unruh, himself, recently announced that he would "drastically amend the bill," but he has not stated the nature of his drastic amendments.

As I have repeatedly said in press releases and in thousands of letters to constituents, I shall vote NO, repeat NO, on AB 46 by Unruh, if it reaches the floor of the Assembly. Of course, I do not know, at this writing, what the "drastic amendments" will be, but unless the amendments are completely opposite to the original bill, I shall vote NO on Unruh's AB 46. This is not because Unruh is the author but because the bill is bad in itself.

MY OWN Assembly Bill No. 43 which provides a method of diverting the state's share of horse-racing money from fairs, shows, and exhibitions to the public school system is strongly opposed by all those who have some reason for wanting the State to continue to subsidize fairs, shows and exhibitions.

The opponents to my bill will admit that any good fair, show, or exposition can continue to operate at a profit

without the state subsidy if it is any good and if it is not a good show it should shut down. However, the opponents also admit that this is their own "sacred cow." Naturally they are bitterly opposed to losing the windfall they now get from the state.

The State Department of Education and the California Teachers Assn., at this writing, have not taken any public, official position on AB 43 but they have told me unofficially that they like it and will support it officially and publicly as soon as they reach an agreement on some minor, clarifying amendments.

You can obtain two free copies by writing to the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, and asking for two free copies of Assembly Bill No. 43, by Chapel, relating to financing public education, First Extraordinary (Special Session).

## 22 Saxons Top School Honor List

Twenty-two North High students headed the Saxon Honor Roll for the fall semester with straight "A" averages, according to Dr. Richard Guengrich, principal.

Topping the list of "A" students were seniors June Bell, Cathy Dean, Mary Fouquette, Stuart Goodgold, Vicky Mongar, Judith Morgan, and James Ryan.

Five juniors were named to the list. They include: Bruce Allen, Douglas Cook, Janet Ono, Danny Scott, and William Thomas.

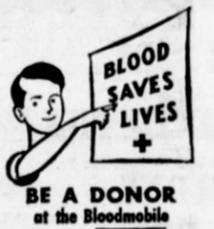
Other "A" students include sophomores Schuberly Chao, Janet Hanson, Leland Hess, Ronald Morad, Stanley Sorensen, Steven Sorensen, and freshmen Diane Davis, Jimmy Krause, Pamela Oliver, and Rolly Reyes.

## Real Estate Owners Face Tax Penalty

Los Angeles County residents must pay their real estate taxes by April 10 to avoid payment of a penalty, tax collector Harold J. Ostly has announced.

Payments were due Feb. 1. Those who have misplaced or not received their tax bill should call MAdison 5-3611, Extension 64541. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of the payment of a penalty if the taxes become delinquent.

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